
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: March 22, 2021
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present	Councillor Matt Mahoney Councillor Pat Saito Naz Husain Carol-Ann Chafe Asim Zaidi Clement Lowe Steven Viera Anita Binder Alfie Smith Sally Wall	Ward 8 Ward 9 Citizen Member (Chair) Citizen Member (Vice-Chair) Citizen Member (Vice-Chair) Citizen Member Citizen Member Stakeholder Member Stakeholder Member Stakeholder Member
Members Absent	Emily Daigle Rabia Khedr	Citizen Member Citizen Member

Staff Attendance

Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility
Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation
Bryan Sparks, Communications Advisor
Martha Cameron, Legislative Coordinator
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 2:00 P.M.

Councillor Saito requested that an additional item be added under Other Business regarding the Committee's direction.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved, as amended (C. Lowe)

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 **Accessibility Advisory Committee DRAFT Minutes – February 8, 2021**

Approved (C. Lowe)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1 **Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation to present on E-Scooters in Mississauga**

Mr. Sweet presented on E-scooters and addressed the Committee concerns regarding their safety and use on park trails and roadways in the City.

Naz Husain, Chair, inquired what recommendation was made to Council regarding E-Scooters.

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, responded that staff consulted with other committees before proceeding, and that the City is aware of safety and enforcement concerns.

Carol-Anne Chafe, Vice Chair stated that the matter was been dealt with appropriately and that E-scooters are another mode of transportation for people with disabilities. Councillor Saito and Ms. Chafe inquired whether the regulations are the same with respect to the use of E-scooters and electric wheelchairs on roadways. Mr. Sweet advised there is a distinction made in the report, the by-law amendment, and the provincial pilot program that does not effect electric wheelchairs.

Committee Members discussed safety concerns regarding the use of e-scooters on park trails, and requested signage on trails that do not permit their use. Committee Members also raised concerns with respect to the enforcement of speed limits on roadways.

Mr. Sweet, advised there will be a reliance on public feedback but stated some locations will have video traffic cameras. He further noted that data collection would determine the problem areas.

DIRECTION to Staff: To advise if their pilot project can include signage at the entrance of trails that do not permit the use of e-scooters.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0011-2021

Moved By A. Smith

That the deputation and associated presentation by Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation regarding E-Scooters in Mississauga be received.

Received

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

No members of the public registered to speak.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda;

- 8.1 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Update

8. MATTERS CONSIDERED

8.1 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Update

Accessibility Staff provided a brief verbal update with respect to the Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0012-2021

Moved By C. Chafe

That the verbal update provided by ... with respect to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) be received.

Received

8.2 Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Councillor Mahoney, Naz Husain and/or Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Members and Members of the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee will provide a brief verbal update.

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Naz Husain, Chair, advised Committee that the Region of Peel is very busy with the vaccine roll out program and is unable to attend the Committee request at this time.

Councillor Mahoney advised he toured the University of Toronto Mississauga campus vaccination facility and confirmed that accessibility is a bit of a challenge from the bus stop, however, TransHelp is available free of charge. The vaccine site itself is well run and safe.

Clement Lowe, Citizen Member confirmed that caretakers are allowed on TransHelp and can attend the vaccine clinic.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0013-2021

Moved By C. Lowe

That the verbal update regarding the Region of Peel's Accessibility Advisory Committee provided by Naz Husain, Chair and Member of the ROP AAC be received.

Received

8.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Work Plan

Dan Sadler, Supervisor, Accessibility advised the Committee that the Staff Accessibility Resource Team ("StART") encompasses representatives from every division across the organization and in these meetings the minutes from the AAC are reviewed and added to the workplan. Mr. Sadler advised that there would be more projects coming forward in April and May.

Councillor Saito and Councillor Mahoney expressed concern around the lack of connection felt by the Committee. They encouraged the Committee members to identify and advise staff of gaps, barriers and any issues not addressed as well as determine and identify the focal points of what the Committee should work on. Councillor Saito requested that website links to City projects and other Committee Meetings be provided to Citizen Members to facilitate connection and sharing of information.

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator suggested that Committee Members sign up for the Council Committee Alerts to view the public matters discussed at the other committees that may involve accessibility intersectionality. Carol-Anne Chafe, Vice Chair stated that the City has many projects and suggested that participating in them would permit the Citizen Members to feel more involved and provide feedback to help advance accessibility. Citizen Members can sign up for newsletters and follow the City on social media to find out about projects within the City.

Naz Husain, Chair, discussed the potential to have an ad hoc committee to discuss matters going forward post COVID.

Anita Binder, Stakeholder Member expressed interest in providing her expertise around employment challenges.

DIRECTION: Martha Cameron, Legislative Coordinator to provide Committee Members with the link to sign up for Council/Committee alerts as well as several links to City Projects.

DIRECTION: Councillor Saito requested a review of the workplan at the facilitated session.

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0014-2021

Moved By Councillor P. Saito

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the March 22nd Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

Approved

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - Nil

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 Direction Items Update (Verbal)

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator provided update on the direction items to Clerks regarding the Consent Agenda process and the request for a presentation from Peel Public Health.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Naz Husain, Chair, announced that Emily Daigle has resigned from the Committee effective March 31, 2021 and thanked her for her contributions.

Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Saito asked that clerk's proceed with citizen appointments to fill the vacancy, as well as an upcoming vacancy.

Staff discussed holding a facilitated session in lieu of the May 17th AAC meeting, and use this time to review the workplan for present, future and outstanding items. Clement Lowe, Citizen Member, asked that the review of the workplan become standard every six months.

Naz Husain, Chair, advised that accessibility is an issue when attending public meetings or other committee meetings due to the use of Webex.

Carol-Ann Chafe, Vice Chair requested a review of outdoor eating spaces with respect to accessibility

DIRECTION: Dan Sadler, Supervisor, Accessibility to schedule a high-level accessibility review on outdoor eating spaces for an upcoming Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee meeting.

DIRECTION: Dan Sadler, Supervisor Accessibility to set up the facilitated session for May 17, 2021

RECOMMENDATION AAC-0015-2021

Moved By Councillor M. Mahoney

That the two upcoming resignations as discussed at the March 22, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be received and that the City Clerk be directed to fill the

vacancies in accordance with the Corporate Policy #02-01-01 on Citizen Appointments to Committees, Boards and Authorities.

Approved

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
FADS – FACILITY ACCESSIBILITY DESIGN SUBCOMMITTEE
Monday, April 26, 2021 at 1:30pm
Online Video Conference

AAC – ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, May 17, 2021 at 2pm
Online Video Conference
13. **ADJOURNMENT** - 3:51 P.M. (S. Viera)